

Article - Alcoholic Beverages

[\[Previous\]](#)[\[Next\]](#)

§2-131.

- (a) In this section, “off-site permit” includes:
 - (1) a brewing company off-site permit;
 - (2) a distillery off-site permit;
 - (3) a retail off-site permit; and
 - (4) a winery off-site permit.
- (b) There is a nonprofit beer, wine, and liquor festival permit.
- (c) The Comptroller may issue the permit to a nonprofit organization, as defined by § 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, that meets the requirements of this section.
- (d) (1) The permit authorizes the permit holder to:
 - (i) conduct a nonprofit beer, wine, and liquor festival for at least 1 day and not more than 3 consecutive days;
 - (ii) purchase beer, wine, and liquor at wholesale to:
 - 1. provide to a consumer a sample that may not exceed:
 - A. for beer, 4 fluid ounces for each offering;
 - B. for wine, 1 fluid ounce for each offering; and
 - C. for liquor, four samples of one-quarter of 1 fluid ounce for each offering; and
 - 2. sell to a consumer beer, wine, and liquor for on- and off-premises consumption; and
 - (iii) contract with a holder of a retail off-site permit to operate a sampling and sales area.

(2) The permit holder shall provide space at a nonprofit beer, wine, and liquor festival for holders of off-site permits.

(3) A holder of an off-site permit that attends a nonprofit beer, wine, and liquor festival may provide beer, wine, and liquor to a consumer in the same manner as the holder of the nonprofit beer, wine, and liquor festival permit.

(4) The permit holder may provide or sell at the nonprofit beer, wine, and liquor festival only alcoholic beverages provided by the permit holder or a holder of an off-site permit that is in attendance.

(e) At all times during the nonprofit beer, wine, and liquor festival, the permit holder shall have present at least two agents, one of whom may be the permit holder, who are certified by an approved alcohol awareness program.

(f) (1) Not less than 30 days before the nonprofit beer, wine, and liquor festival, a person shall submit an application to the Comptroller.

(2) The application shall:

(i) be on a form that the Comptroller provides;

(ii) state that the primary purpose of the nonprofit beer, wine, and liquor festival is to promote Maryland beer, wine, and liquor;

(iii) provide details of the nonprofit beer, wine, and liquor festival, including the location, dates, and times of operation; and

(iv) include appropriate evidence that the applicant has been given permission by the owner of the property where the nonprofit beer, wine, and liquor festival is to be held.

(g) Not less than 15 days before the nonprofit beer, wine, and liquor festival, the permit holder shall provide the Comptroller with a list of off-site permit holders that will attend.

(h) The permit fee is:

(1) \$100, to promote a single product category;

(2) \$150, to promote two product categories; and

(3) \$200, to promote three product categories.

[\[Previous\]](#)[\[Next\]](#)